

Washington State Patrol Media Advisory

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UPDATE: Because of weather conditions; the date has been a changed for the FLIR Media Event

Date: May 23, 2006
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Eye in the Sky: Patrol Turns to New High Flying Technology

Where: *Clay Lacey Aviation on Boeing Field*
8285 Perimeter Road South
Seattle, WA

When: *Friday, May 26, 2006*

Time: *10:00 a.m. - noon*

Interview Opportunities include: Captain Curt Hattell, Special Operations Division; Lieutenant Tris Atkins, Aviation Section; and other Washington State Patrol flight crew staff.

Why: The Patrol's federally funded Forward Looking Infrared or FLIR equipped aircraft are now in use. This new public safety technology allows State Patrol pilots to track and video tape traffic congestion problems, apprehend aggressive drivers, protect state ferries, locate criminal suspects, and safely manage high risk pursuits from the air.

Photo Opportunity: The media is invited to examine the Patrol's FLIR equipped aircraft, and ride along during FLIR demonstration flights.

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